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Untold Story of Our Infiltration In The Soviet's Top Intelligence

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In the maze that mantles the East-West silent war—espionage and all its cloak-and-dagger variants—Oleg Vladimirovich Penkovsky was a double agent.

Sentenced to death for high treason by a court in Moscow Penkovsky was really a career Red army officer with the rank of colonel. He was not a "scientist," according to qualified sources from overseas. Nor is he, presumably, any relation to the Soviet general of the same surname.

Penkovsky, tried with British business man Greville Wynne, specialized in the technical sleight-of-hand known to the trade as military intelligence.

He worked, it appears, in his regular career and also for the West. Information, coming here, ran as far away as Turkey, suggests that Col. Penkovsky did more "doubling" for the West than he did for his Red Army career position.

Thus, the West managed—on the face of information available—to infiltrate high into the Soviet's own intelligence structure. It was as

much of a stunning Western success in this murky field as was the spy job accomplished by George Blake.

Blake, a British agent who worked Middle Europe and the Middle East, was exposed after years of being a double agent. In his role, he did much more in passing secrets and information to the Russians than he did for Britain. He's serving a long sentence in Britain today.

CIA Keeping Mum

Reports on Col. Penkovsky are not eliciting any information from the U.S. government. Our own hush-hush Central Intelligence Agency is keeping mum. But other sources in the intelligence field had this additional information:

That Col. Penkovsky favored the so-called, pro-Premier Khrushchev policy—co-existence with the West.

He is supposed to have been bitterly opposed to the hard-nosed military posture of Red China. That line contends that war with the West is inevitable.

Moreover, information on the strange case of the Soviet colonel says he was a general staff officer. He also was a leader in a small but important group of ranking officers who were impatient and wanted to open a private



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SENTENCED AS SPY—"Too little, too little," murmured Soviet spectators as a three-man military court sentenced British businessman Greville Wynne to eight years detention for espionage yesterday. Wynne presses his ear to the translation equipment as the sentence is pronounced. His property in the Soviet Union was confiscated as part of the judgment. A guard and an official look on.

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